

WHICH SHALL IT BE

Possession or an American Protectorate Over the Philippines?

THE PEOPLE MUST DECIDE.

Interesting Communication From a Soldier in the Orient, Who Deals With the Question in Its Various Phases—Matter of Great Import to Our People.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

SIR:—The two great political parties in the United States will soon send delegates to nominating conventions; representatives that will not only exercise the function of naming the candidates of their respective organizations, but who will also hear the responsibility for the enunciation of party platforms and principles.

Never have questions of greater importance to the American people and the world at large come up for the consideration of these assemblies, and nowhere is the issue of their deliberations awaited with greater interest than in the Philippines. That is, by the American civilian and soldier element, for the more intelligent Filipinos have already become convinced as to the main point at issue, viz., American retention, and look forward to the coming election as possibly serving to determine the governmental methods and instruments. But to the American citizen with a knowledge of our constitution and governmental principles, the situation bears another aspect, namely, that it remains with the people of the United States to decide whether the Philippine Islands are to be retained as absolute and permanent colonial possessions, or whether they are to be granted their independence under an American protectorate as soon as peace is established and safety to commercial interest assured.

These the Final Alternatives.

That these are the final alternatives that will confront the American voter is no longer a question of doubt in the minds of those who have studied the conditions. The scheme of autonomy or semi-independence under American sovereignty would be a failure here and one need only glance at the experience of Great Britain and other nations that have put it in operation in their Malay colonies to be convinced of the truth of this assertion.

Just now, news comes from British North Borneo that Kudat, the second town in the province, has been attacked by Malay insurgents and many citizens, including women and children, brutally massacred at a time when Governor Clifford supposed all trouble at an end, owing to the death of Mat Salleh, the "Agulnalo" of that country, and was sending most optimistic reports to his home government in regard to conditions there. Nor do we have to go to Borneo for examples of Malay disposition and methods. We have them in abundance here.

Proposed Sack of Manila.

Although the insurrection is now practically suppressed, and there are no longer organized forces of the enemy in Luzon, the American army is losing an average of from two to three men a day through treachery and ambushes alone, and for the last few days the Manila papers have been full of the proposed sack of the city and massacre of all foreign residents by insurgents now within the American lines. The wholesale desertion of their employers by the "muhachos" was taken as an evidence that the insurrection was gaining recruits. This led to the arrest of several suspects and the discovery of a plan for wholesale butchery and loot by the Tagals, and at present the utmost diligence is being exercised by General MacArthur to prevent their plans from being carried out. Such an outbreak would be promptly suppressed, but not without inflicting much suffering upon innocent persons and the probable loss of life by such foreigners as could be found in unprotected places.

That the natives would sanction such a nefarious plan of action is sufficient evidence that they are not far enough advanced in the scale of civilization for admission to American territorial citizenship, with its constitutional rights and privileges, and that they do not desire or appreciate them.

Must Have American Protection.

If this fact be granted, it is apparent

THE FIRST BABY.

As Coming is Looked Forward to With Both Joy and Fear and its Safe Arrival is Hailed With Pride and Delight by All.

The arrival of the first baby in the household is the happiest and most important event of married life. The young wife who is to become a mother delights to think of the happiness in store for her when the little one shall nestle under her breast and latterly she shall hear it lip the sweet and holy name, "mother." But her happy anticipation quickly vanishes when she realizes the terrible pain and suffering through which she must pass while bringing the little one into the world. An indescribable fear of the danger attendant upon the ordeal soon dissipates her joyfulness.

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that life and property would not be safe should American protection be withdrawn, and both international obligation and commercial interest demand that we retain possession for the present. This brings us back to the original proposition. It is not expedient or desirable to grant the Philippines constitutional rights of American citizenship; it is neither safe nor practicable to grant them independence at present. Then it seems that there remain but two courses that can meet with the approval of the people of the United States, namely, that they be granted independence on territorial status as soon as order is established under American direction, which would be the logical constitutional course, as it now stands, or to amend the constitution and hold these islands as American colonial possessions to be governed as the people of the United States may direct. These people have never had American citizenship and consequently cannot be treated as secessionists, as some advocate, nor is it probable that the people of the United States will ever grant its full privileges to ten million Pacific islanders.

The Two Chief Objections.

The two chief objections to a colonial policy are that it requires a large standing army and navy with the contingent expense and taxation, and that tropical colonies do not pay. This latter statement is easily demonstrated to be a fact by a consultation of the records of Great Britain and France. With eleven million square miles of colonies and the greatest merchant marine in the world the export trade of Great Britain fell off some 5 per cent during the five years prior to 1898, while that of the United States materially increased without the possession of a single colony. France has colonial possessions equal to the United States in area and with a population of more than fifty millions, yet her minister, M. Peletan, states that for a trade balance of four millions and the dignity of ruling foreign peoples, France is annually expending more than fifteen million dollars.

Question Should be Studied.

While the action of the United States thus far has apparently been the only possible one, the time has come when the different aspects of the question should be more thoroughly studied by the American voter, for it remains with him whether we shall withdraw from our commanding situation in the arena of eastern politics; whether our policy shall be "accretion" or "colonization," whether we shall stick to the "Monroe Doctrine" and "no entangling alliances," trusting to our ingenuity, business ability, and undeveloped American territory for future "expansion," or whether we shall take our place as a great world governing power with all the responsibilities and privileges contingent thereon. This is one of the questions that are to come before the conventions, and upon their choice of policy in relation thereto will depend the success of their respective parties at the polls in November; for upon the issue of this election will depend the future policy of the United States in regard to colonial possessions and this is too great a consideration or question to be controlled by mere party allegiance, hence the importance of proper action in convention.

Awake to the Issue.

We in the Philippines do not doubt but that the intelligent and progressive American voters are thoroughly alive to the possibilities of the situation and that they will meet new conditions with new methods and a spirit commensurate with the magnitude of the opportunities presented, but there are large numbers in both parties who have neither time nor opportunity to study the conditions and the responsibility for these votes will rest largely with their respective party organizations. With this class, the action of the party convention has its greatest weight as the determinator of governmental principles and methods, and it is to be hoped that its action this year will merit the confidence reposed in it by the large body of our citizens and its choice of policy by the party rank and file, for if this be the case, then will the important questions of the hour be settled in accordance with the desire of the majority of the American people.

Awake to the Issue.

FREDERICK W. NASH,
Fourth United States Cavalry.
Manila, P. I., May 15, 1900.

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BRAXTON COUNTY CONTEST

Brought Before the Public Again by a Letter From Frank Skidmore, Esq.—Explains His Side of the Case.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.
SIR:—I notice in your paper of June 7, an account of the Braxton county contest before the committee on credentials, which is in part as follows: "Amos Bright, one of the Braxton regulars, in answer to Skidmore, said that the motion to adjourn had been withdrawn, consequently, the motion to instruct was regular. Mr. Skidmore admitted the truth of Mr. Bright's assertion."

"Chairman Brady—Do you controvert the convention's privilege to instruct?" "Mr. Skidmore—No; if it was an item of the case. This rejoinder was not received seriously."

I would not wonder at the above not being seriously considered, if the admission to Mr. Bright, and the contention made to Chairman Brady, had appeared in the order in which spoken. Did Not Appear Before Committee.

Now, I would just say that I did not appear before the convention committee on credentials to make any statements in regard to the actions of the Braxton county convention, but being there as I was, and asked to answer some civil questions, I am only sorry that your informant's mind was not in proper condition to receive or retain what I said, in the order in which I spoke.

I said that the reason I withdrew from the convention was because the chairman would not entertain a motion to adjourn after the business of the convention had been transacted. Thereupon, Chairman Brady, of the committee on credentials, asked me if I contended that a convention had no right to instruct its delegates. To this I replied that my contention was, that it was the duty of the chairman to call for a vote on the motion to adjourn, instead of entertaining a motion to instruct, while the motion to adjourn was yet pending (the motion to instruct not being an item of the call).

Actions of Convention Irregular.

The chairman's refusal to entertain the motion to adjourn rendered the actions of the convention irregular.

I did not admit to Mr. Bright, nor do I yet admit to him, or anyone else, that the motion to adjourn was withdrawn until after the chairman had repeatedly refused to vote the convention on this motion.

But he insisted by his every action that he wanted the motion to instruct to prevail. It is true that after a large number of our participants had despaired of receiving recognition, and the convention had begun to crumble to pieces, that the motion to adjourn was withdrawn; and it is true that Mr. Bright asked me if the motion was not withdrawn. To which astute question I replied in the affirmative.

Does Not Feel Justified.

Allowing the honorable committee members to get all the comfort from the answers that they could, not once thinking that I would be misquoted or my answers to questions wrongly applied, and made public, I do not feel justified.

I do not see the least excuse for making the statements referred to in your paper, nor can I see that it will do the one whose cause you espouse any good.

Now, if you think it will be of any benefit to our nominee I am willing to go back with you to the very beginning and discuss item by item, all that led up to the trouble referred to.

FRANK SKIDMORE.
Weston, W. Va., June 12, 1900.

Lieutenant General Miles.

New York Press: For the first time in history cadets at West Point gaze upon three silver embroidered stars on the shoulder straps of a man whose road to the chief command of the army of the United States did not lead through the military academy. It is true that Winfield Scott was not a West Pointer, but his lieutenant generalship was only a brevet rank, conferred for special services. Of course, Washington was not a West Pointer, as the academy was not opened until 1794, yet he was the first lieutenant general of the army. While nominated "General of the United States" the office never was filled by him, and he died lieutenant general. Grant, Sherman, Sheridan and Schofield were West Pointers. Miles' happiness is now complete. For a dry goods clerk to become the commanding general of the army, and one of our six lieutenant generals is no slight achievement.

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Republican National Convention, Philadelphia, June 10th.

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Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.
CHARLESTON, W. Va., June 14.—The annual meeting of the West Virginia Sportsmen's Association is to be held here all next week. Marked men from all parts of the state are expected, and besides a week of splendid events mapped out, a splendid banquet is to be served under the auspices of the Beechwood Road and Gun Club, which will entertain the event. One thousand dollars in cash prizes are to be hung up, besides a large number of fine prizes donated by the Charleston business men.

Was Not Allowed Ball.

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CHARLESTON, W. Va., June 14.—The preliminary hearing of Sam Curry, for the murder of George Ronda, at Winifrede, on May 18, was held here to-day, and Curry was held to the grand jury without bail. The killing was the result of a drunken spree. Bonds was the proprietor of a saloon and Curry a miner.

Copen Held Without Bail.

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CHARLESTON, W. Va., June 14.—Walter Copen, who killed Matthew Haines in this city two weeks ago, was held to the grand jury without bail. Haines had a quarrel with Copen's father and the son took it up, and on meeting Haines on the street pulled his gun and shot him.

BATTALION OF MARINES

Needed by Admiral Remy For the Cavite Peninsula.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13.—The navy department has received the following cablegram from Admiral Remy at Cavite, dated yesterday:

"Army turned over Cavite peninsula and Basilan island to navy control and defense. The army also wants to give up Olongapo. We cannot take the latter while short of marines. The Solace with six officers intended for Guam, and one hundred marines, has been sent to Kempff. Can the department send a battalion of marines to the Philippines? Think it important that the former Spanish naval station be under navy control. Additional forces needed if the navy is to secure naval station at the present time. The Yorktown has been placed at Kempff's disposal. The Castine is at Shanghai and her repairs will be completed July 20. The Austria is at Canton with orders to proceed to Swatow and Amoy."

Word From Famine Country.

NEW YORK, June 13.—The committee of one hundred on India famine relief received the following cable to-day, dated Bombay, June 13:

"America-Indian relief committee formed. Money used chiefly for four objects—rescue of orphaned children, aid to perishing farmers, clothing for the naked, village relief. Rain delayed. Anxiety and distress still increasing. (Signed) 'ROBERT A. HUME,' 'Executive Secretary.'"

The committee of one hundred reports contributions received to-day amounting to \$2,285, and total to date, \$65,544.

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Stop-overs will be allowed on the return trip at Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington on tickets sold to New Jersey resorts, and at Baltimore and Washington on tickets sold to Ocean City, Md., and Rehoboth Beach, Del.

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